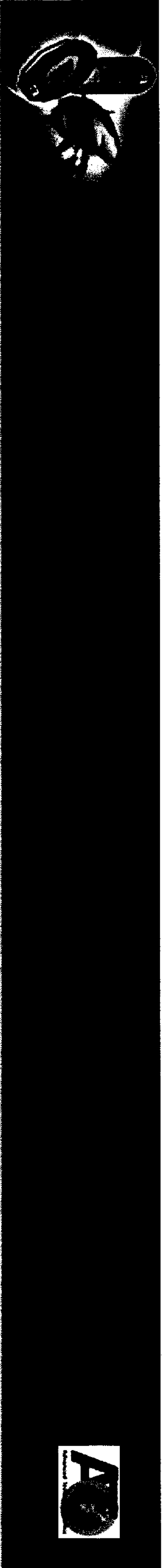


SHARK SENSORY CAPABILITIES



Sensory Systems

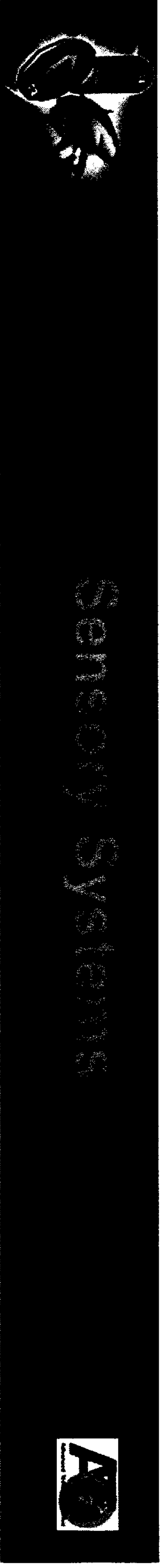


Six senses of humans

Hearing, Balance, Vision, Smell, Taste & Touch

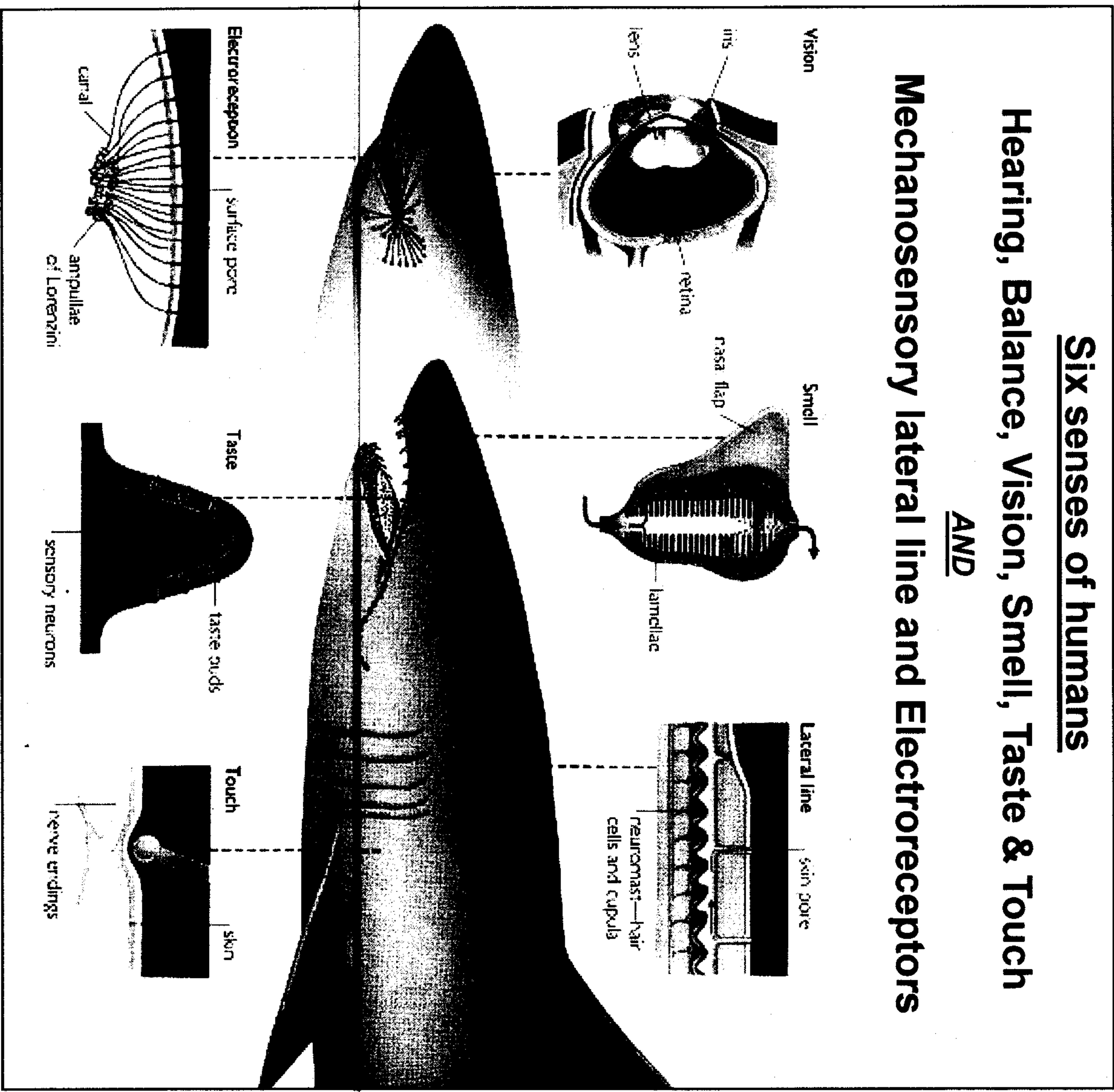
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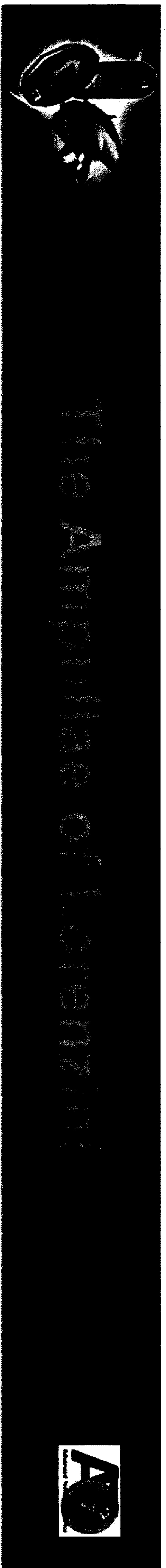
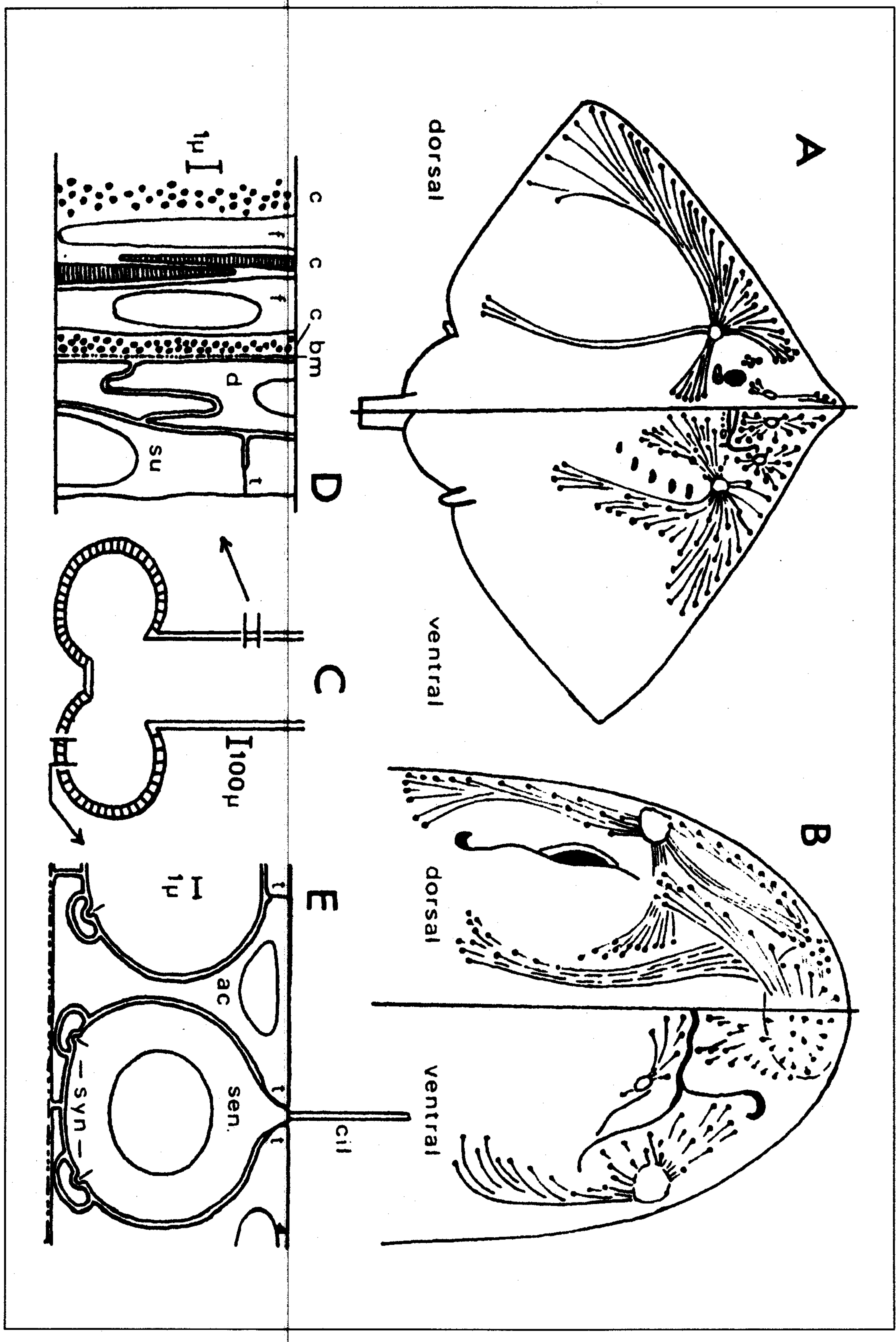
Mechanosensory lateral line and Electoreceptors

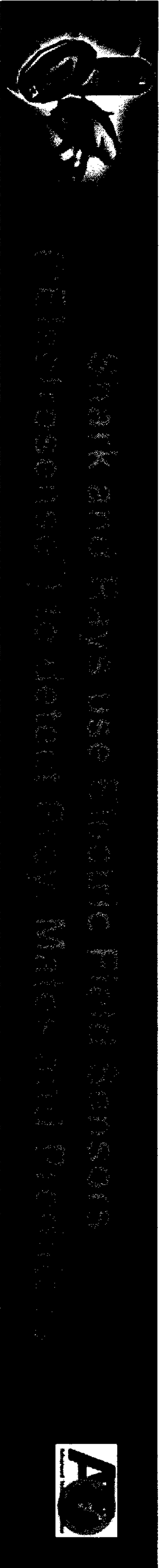


Many species have a brain that is larger in size than that of some birds and mammals.

Sharks and rays have exquisite sensory systems and a large brain for processing biologically relevant information.



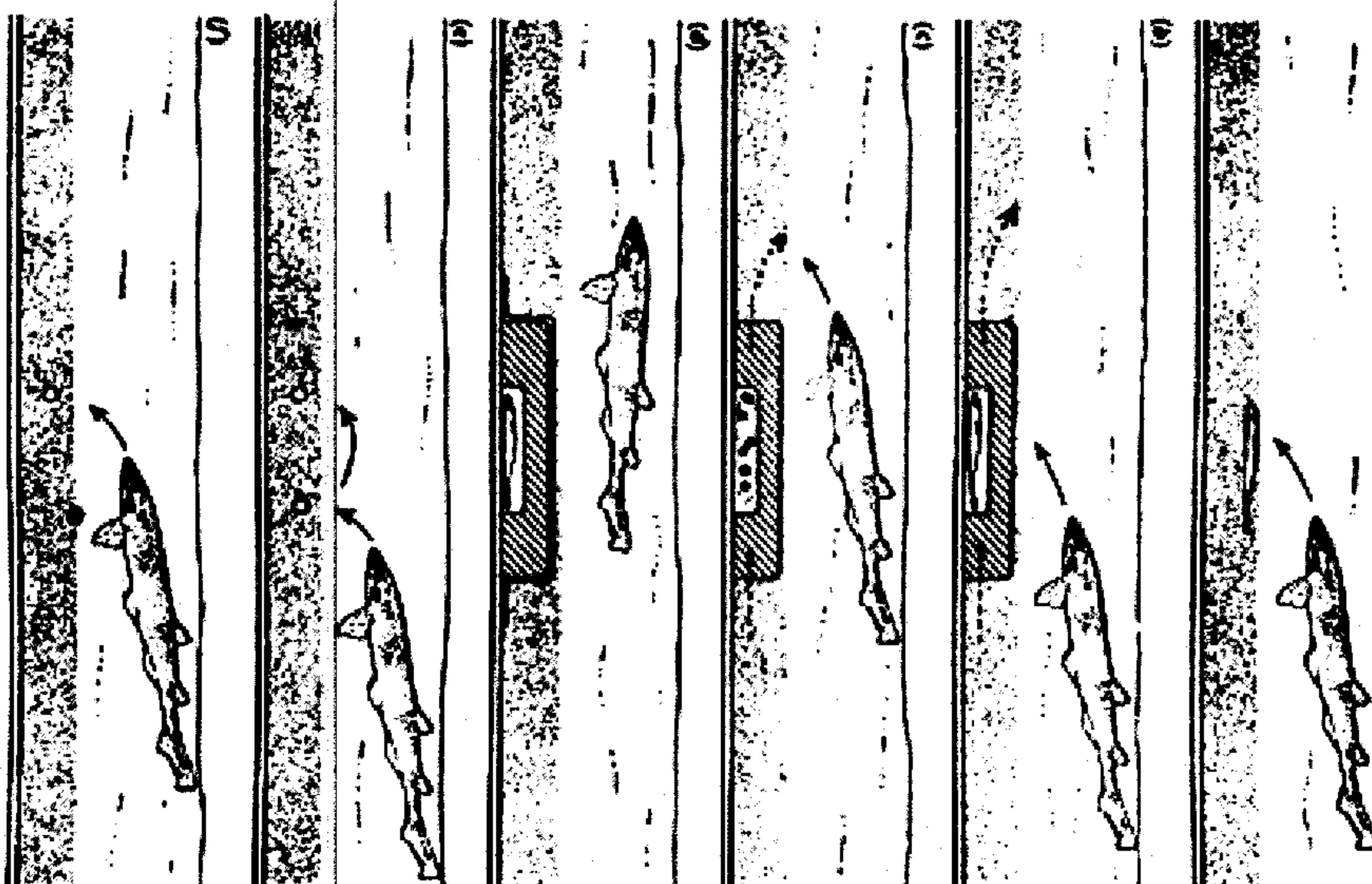
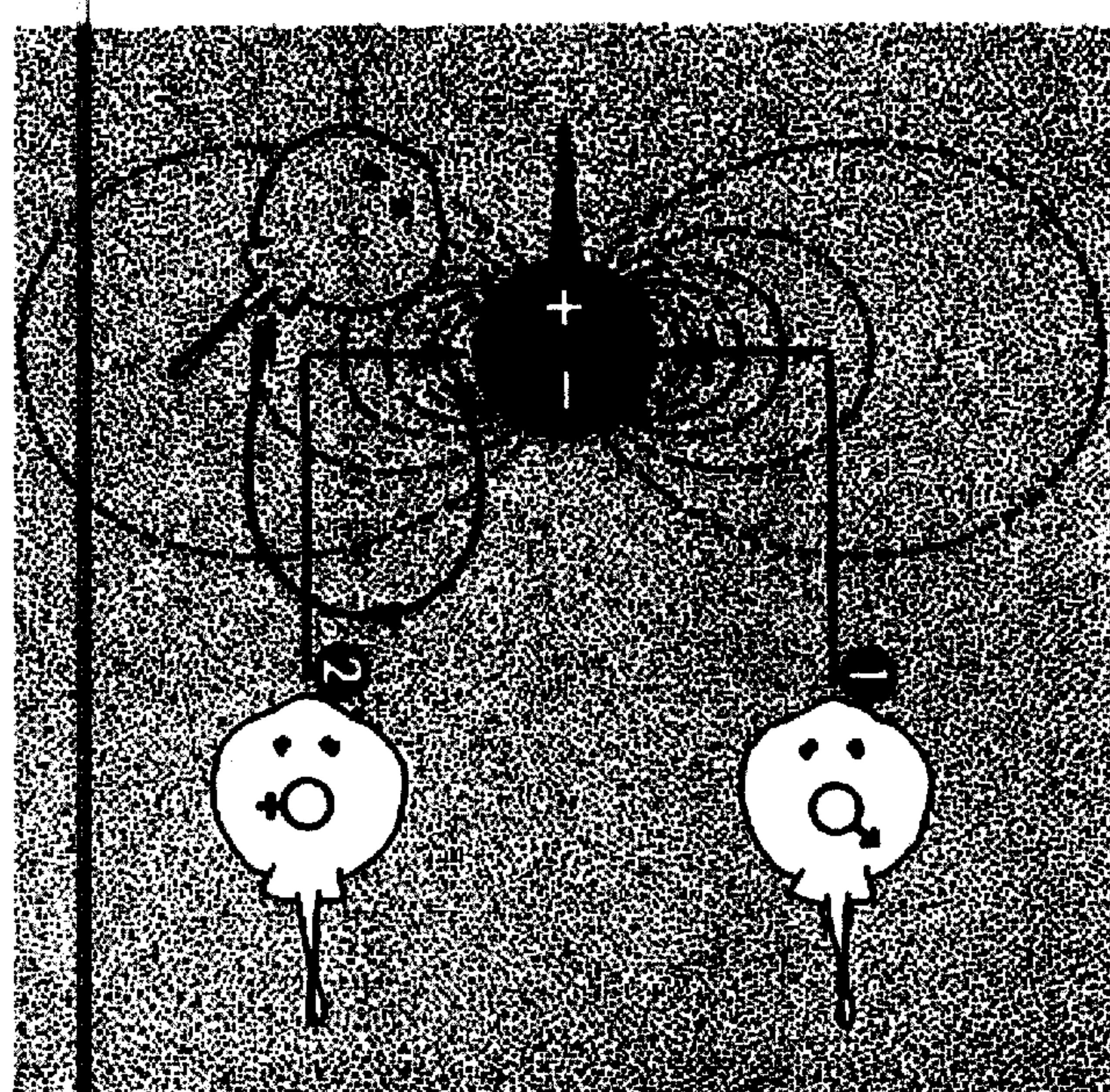
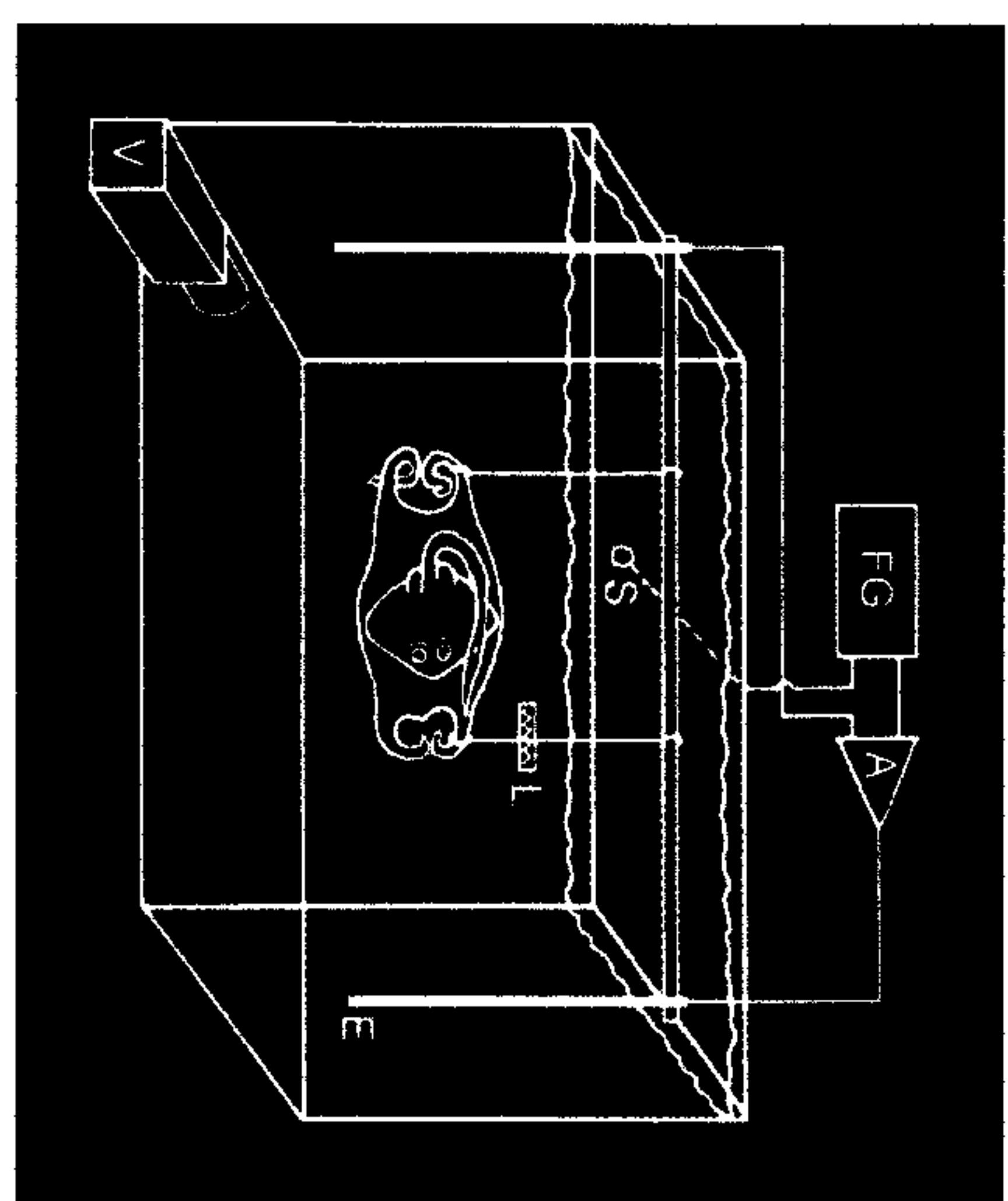




Prey

Mates

Predators



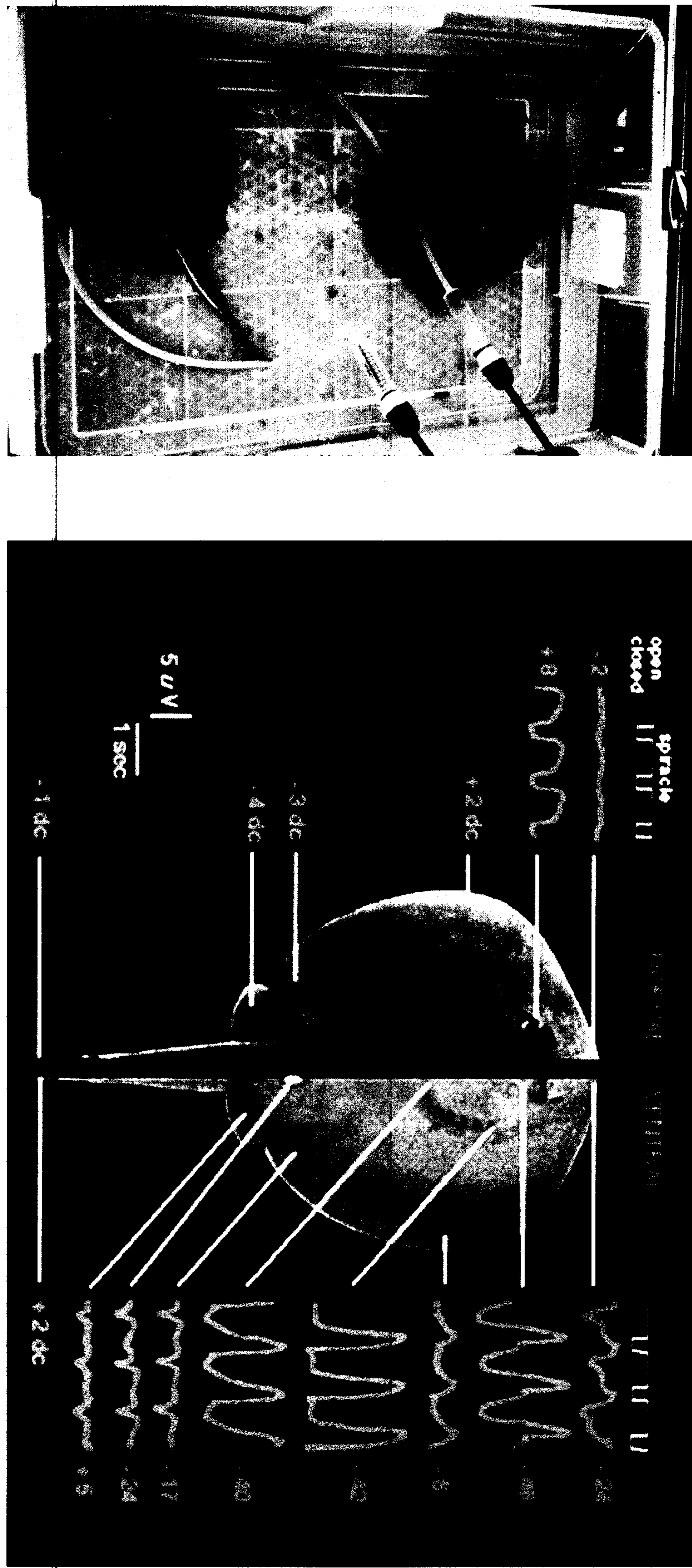
Kalmijn 1972

Tricas et al. 1995

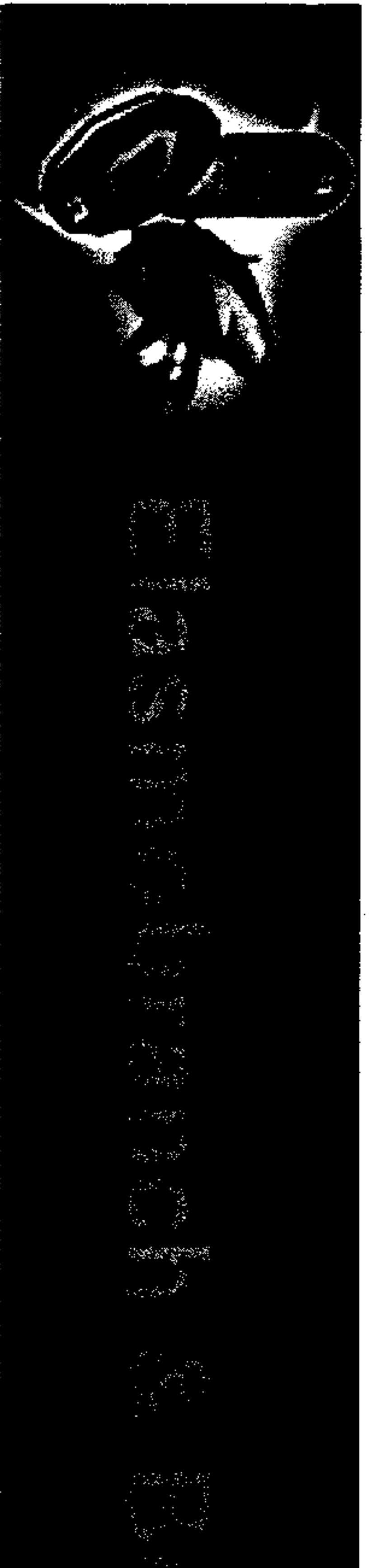
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Bio Electric Sensing Present and Can be Exploited for all Elastobranch Marine Species (Sharks/Rays/Skates)

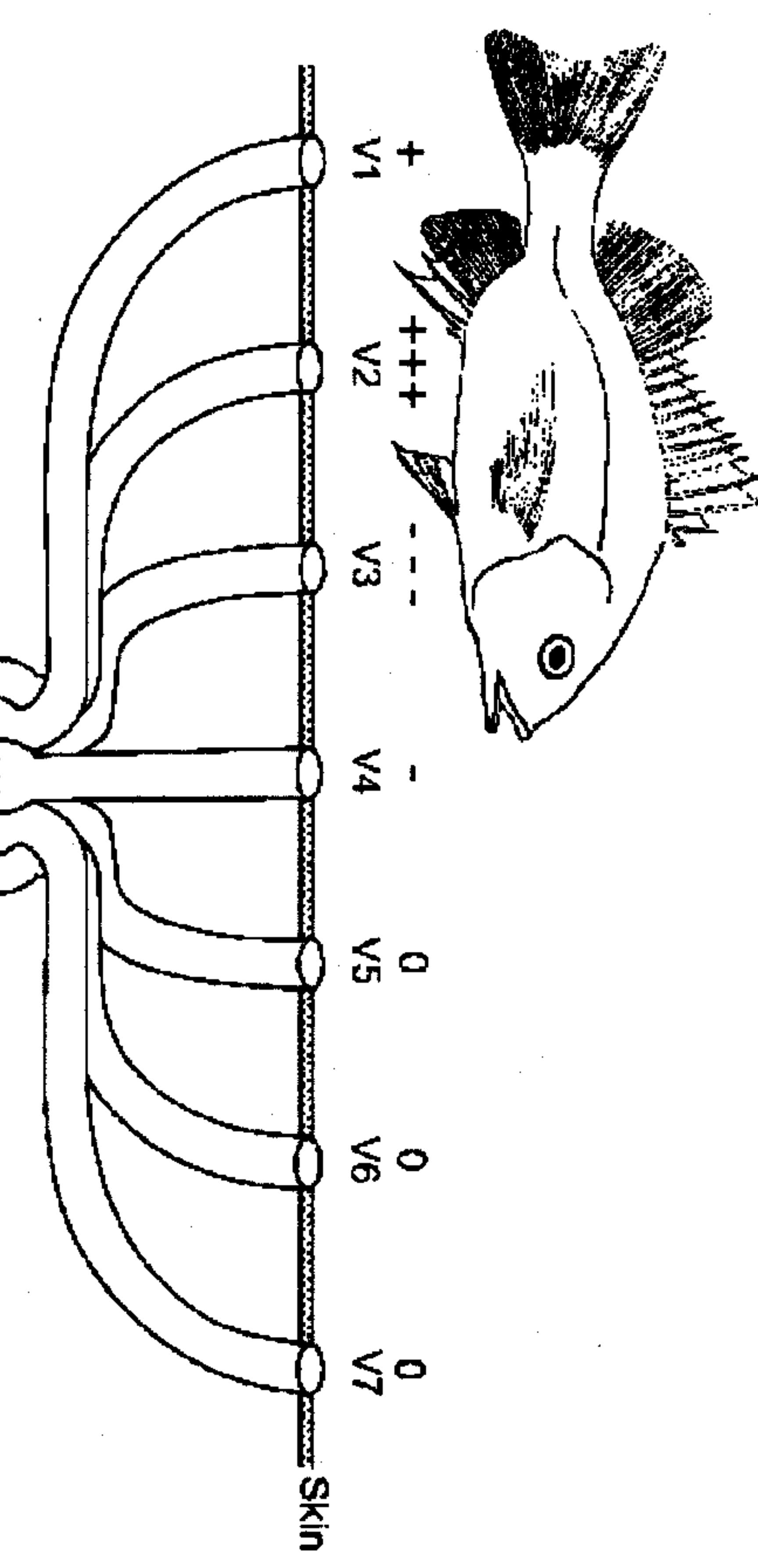


Bioelectric fields have been measured in related elastobranch species (Rays & Skates) and have been shown to have been used for sensory cueing and localization.



A
Q

Local polar field



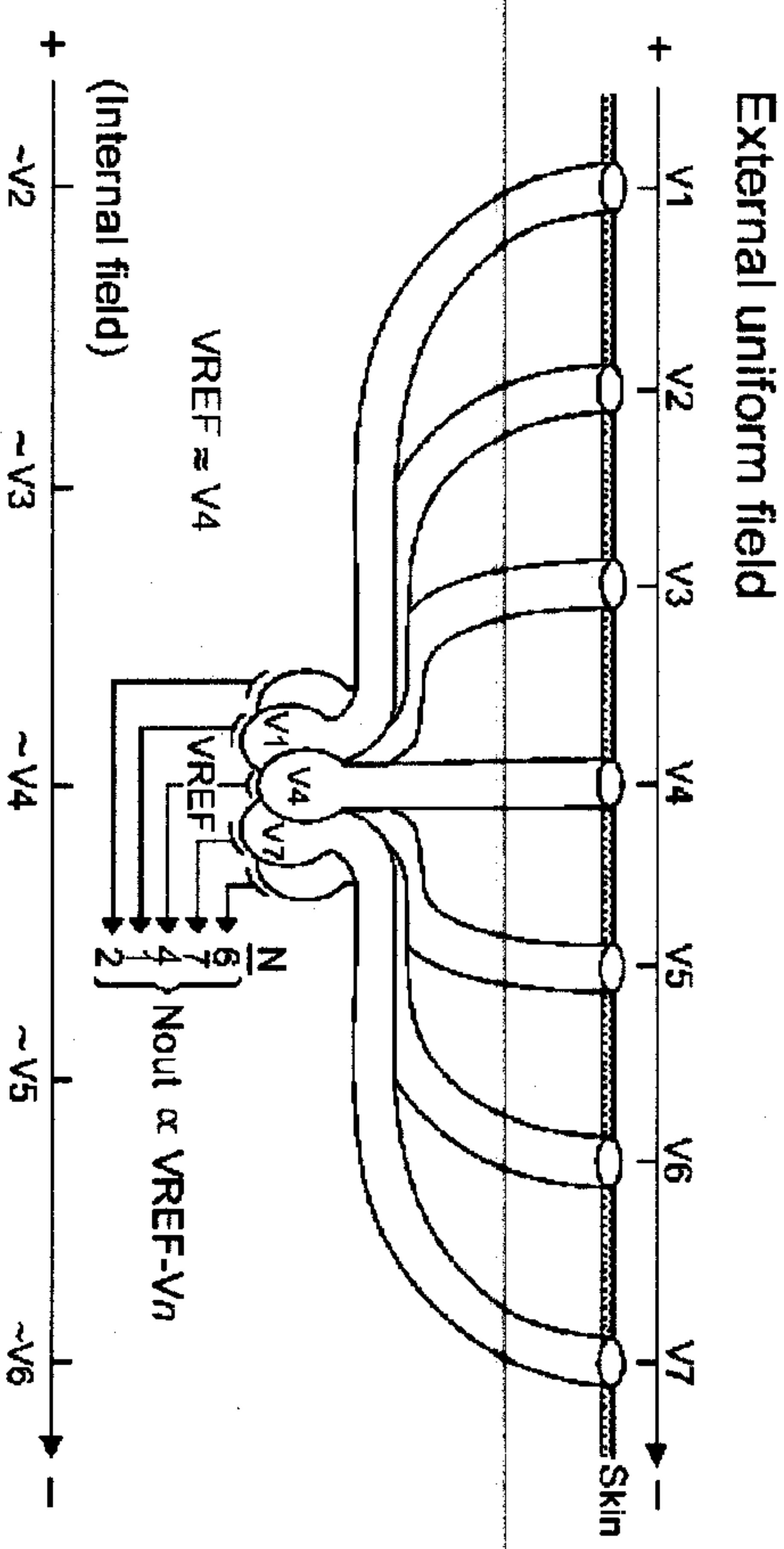
- Detect weak external fields

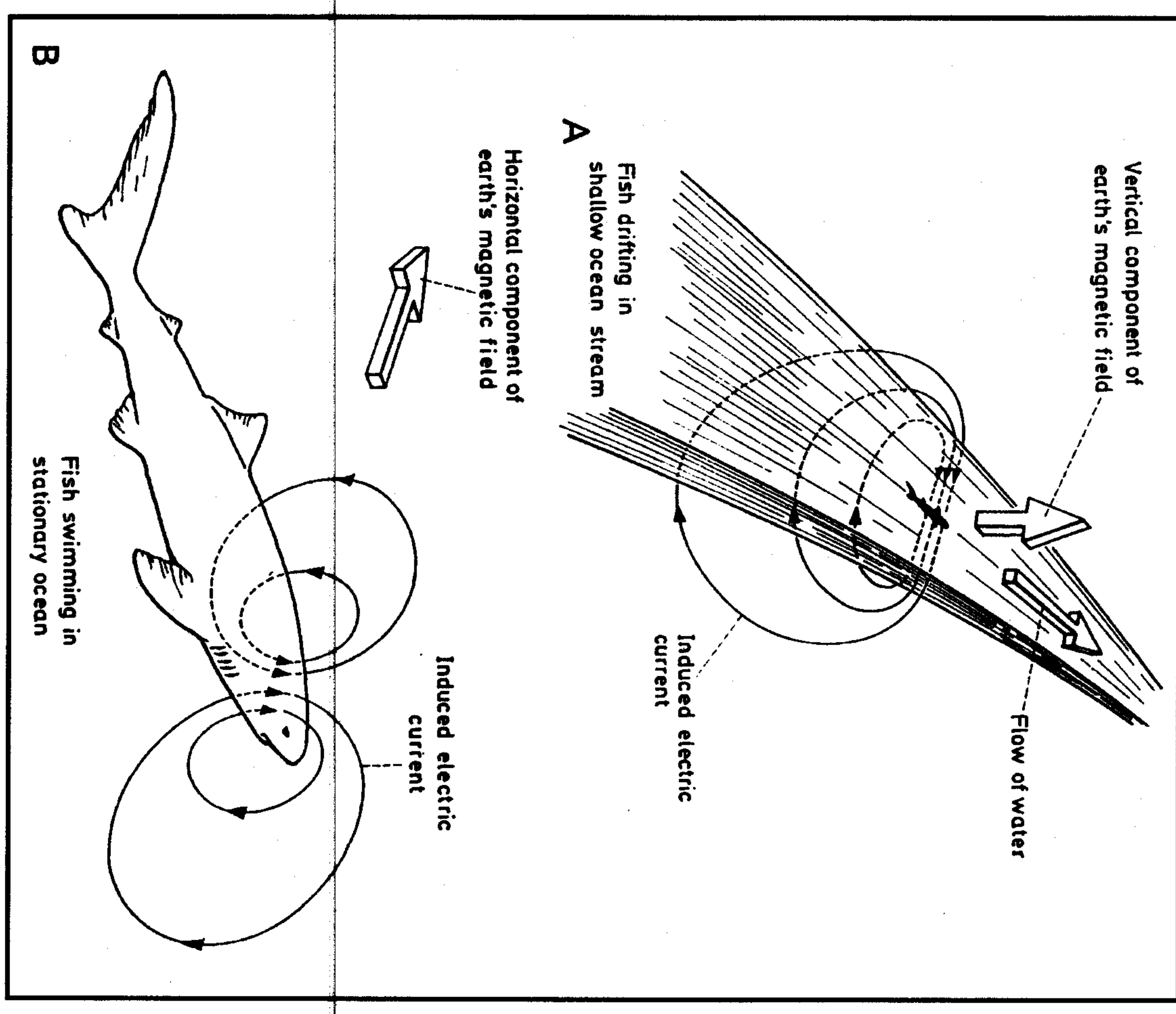
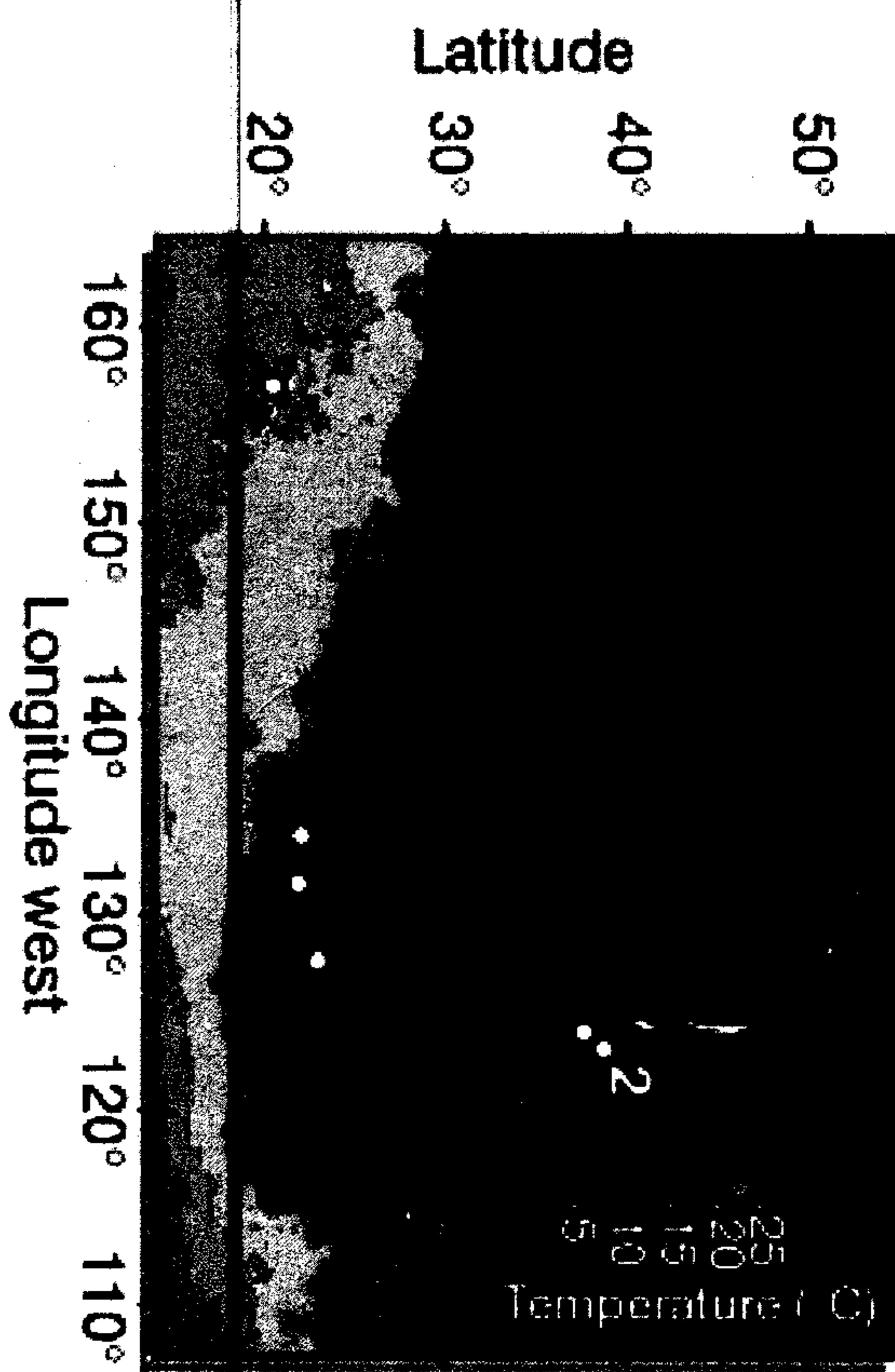
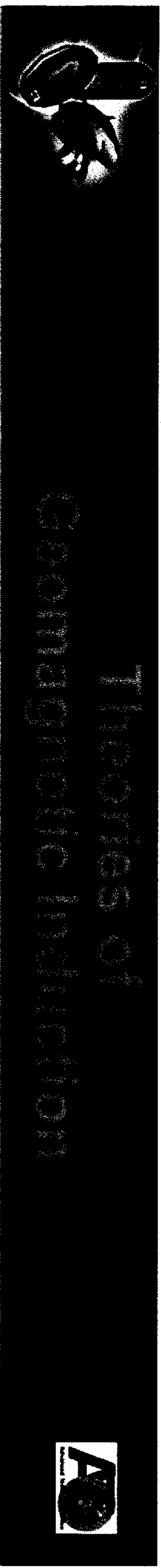
- Sharks < 1 to 5 nV/cm
- Catfish 10 nV/cm

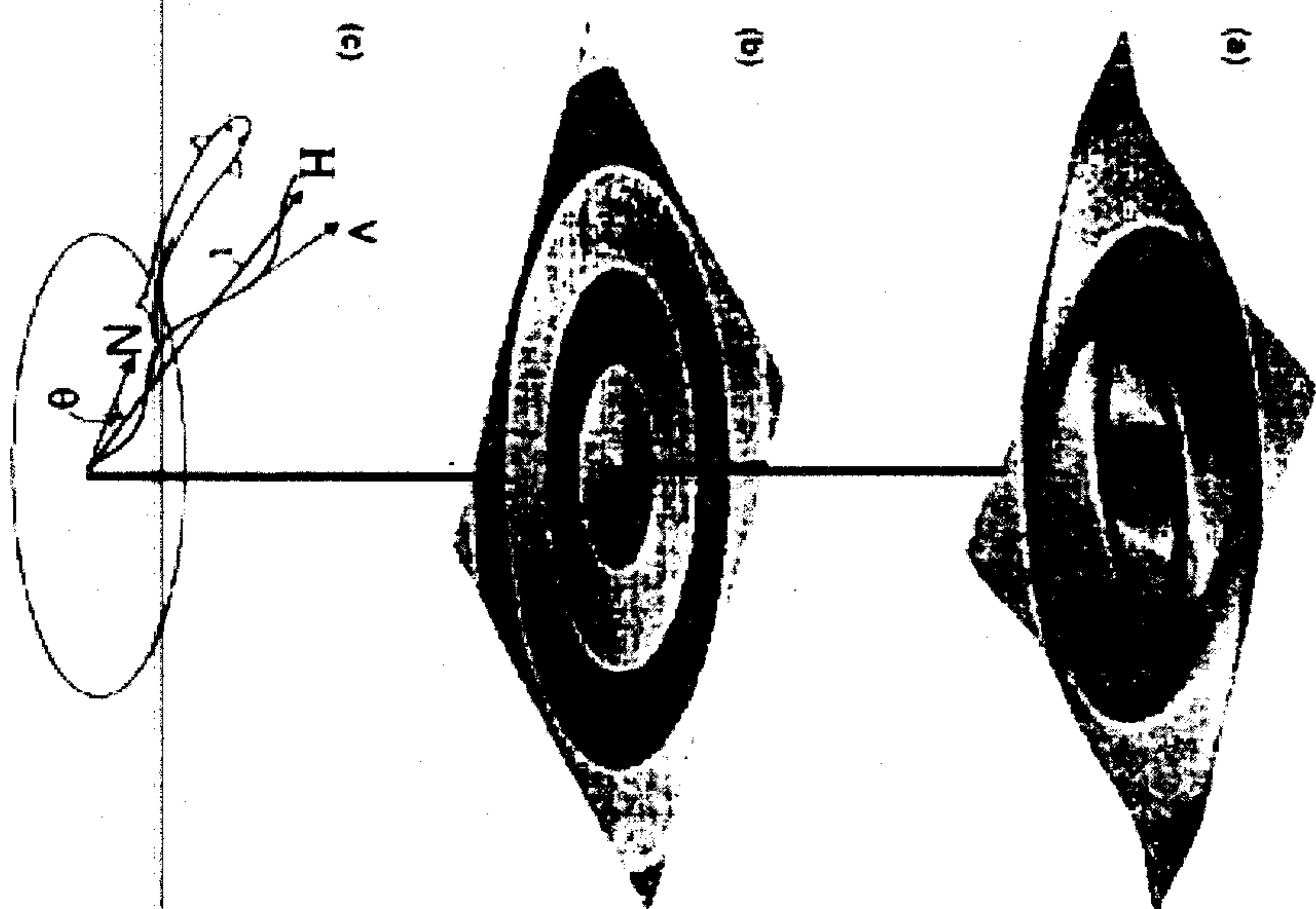
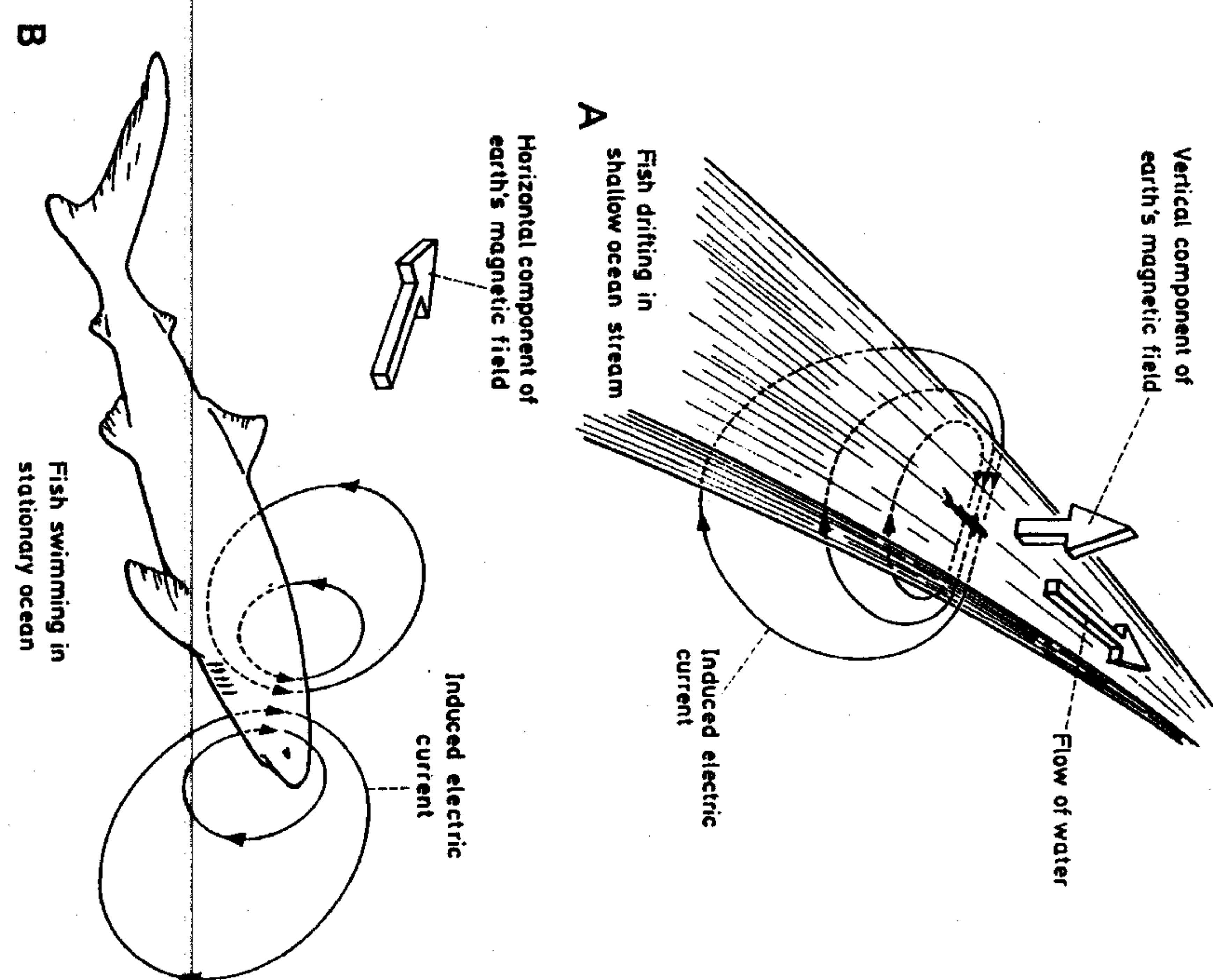
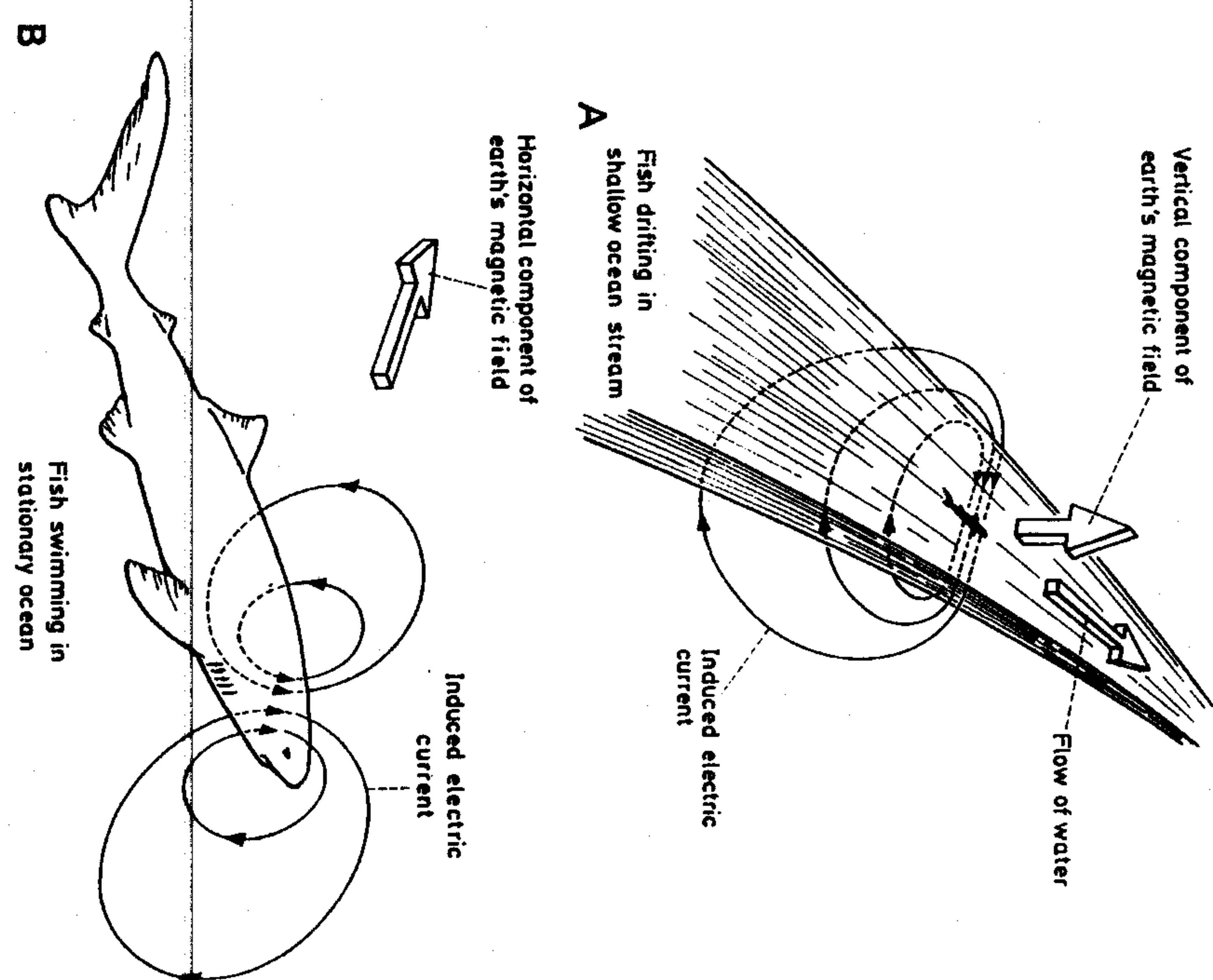
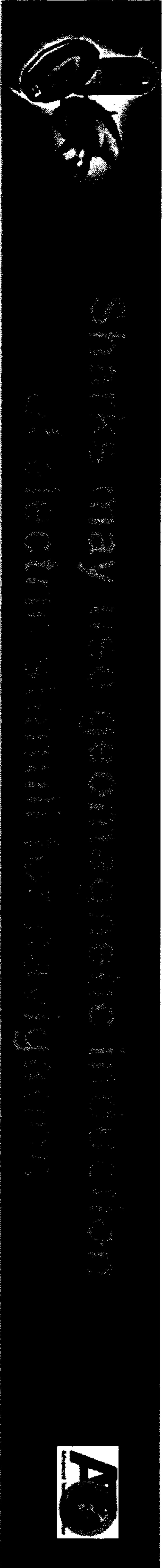
- Dipole or uniform fields

- Sensitivity \propto canal length

- Somatotopically mapped







Kalmijn 1974

Paulin 1995

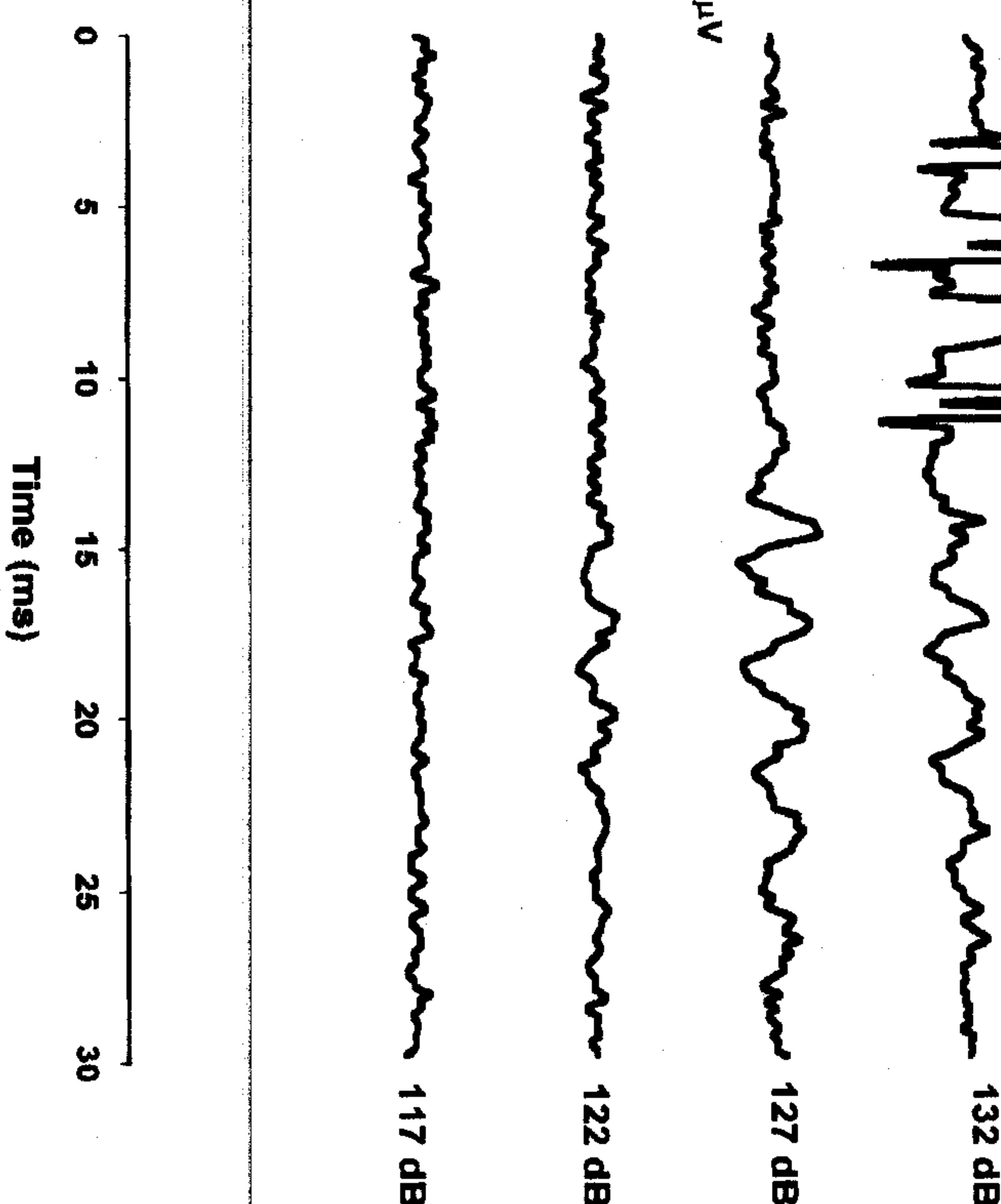
Example

The figure shows ABR waveforms obtained from a skate, *R. erinacea*, at 200 Hz.

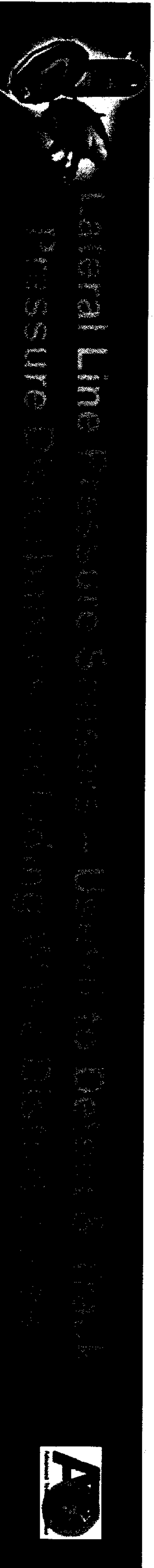


ABR is an electrophysiological method that records evoked potentials generated along the auditory pathways in the brainstem of a fish in response to sound stimuli.

Kenyon et al. (1998) established the use of the auditory brainstem response (ABR) method for testing hearing sensitivity in fishes and it has been used to obtain audiograms for a variety of species (Ladich & Yan 1998, Yan 1998, Ladich 1999, Yan & Curtissinger 2000, Yan et al. 2000, Mann et al. 2001, Scholik & Yan 2001).



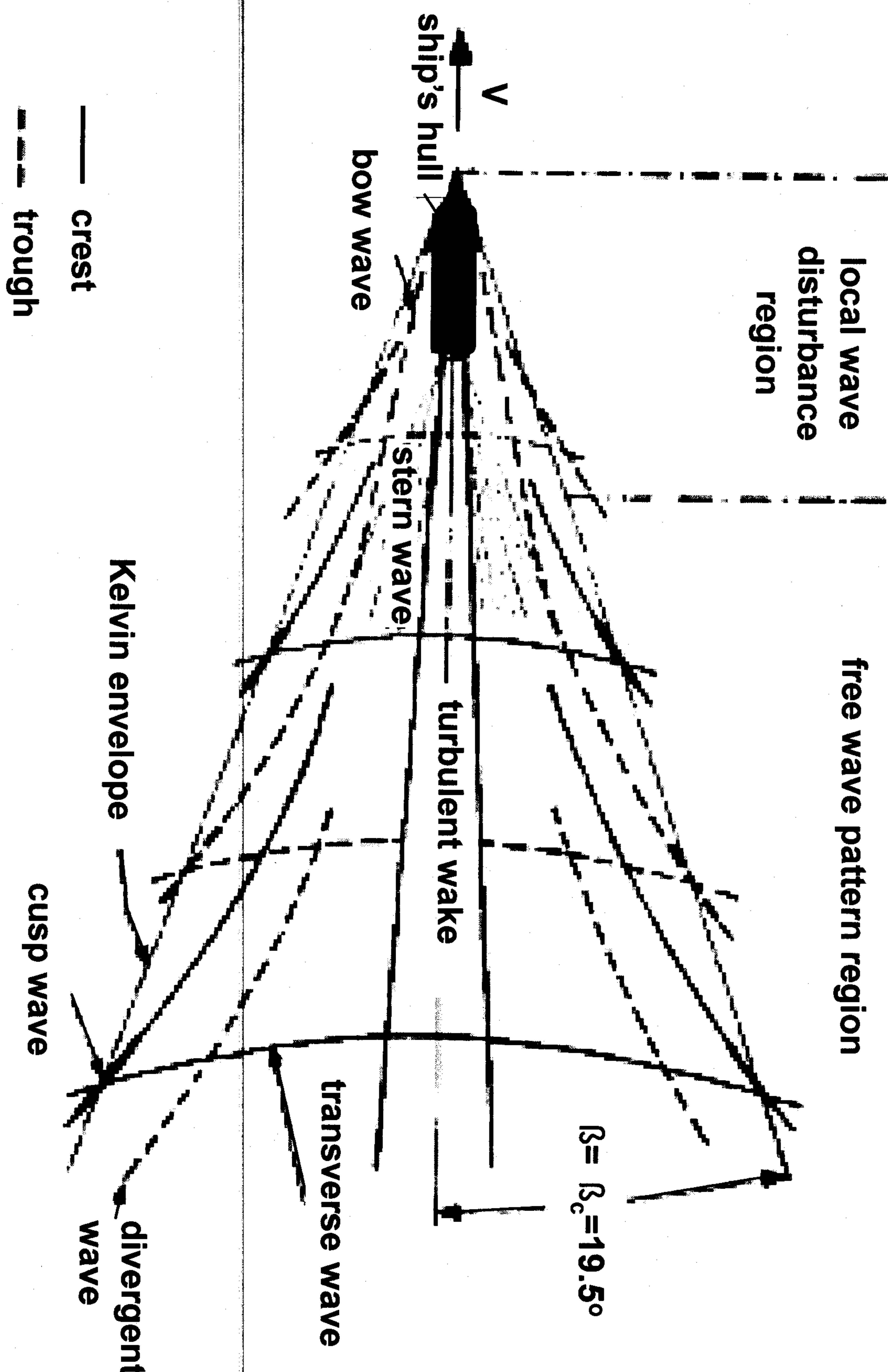
Example of ABR waveforms obtained from the skate, *R. erinacea* at 200 Hz. As the intensity of the sound stimulus decreases, the voltage output obtained from the auditory nerve decreases until 117 dB re 1 μPa where a repeatable ABR signal cannot be obtained. Therefore, 122 dB re 1 μPa is the lower hearing threshold. The sharp peaks from 0-13 ms at 132 dB are artifacts due to the suprathreshold intensity of the sound stimulus being played. *from Brandon, Lobel & Yan in press*

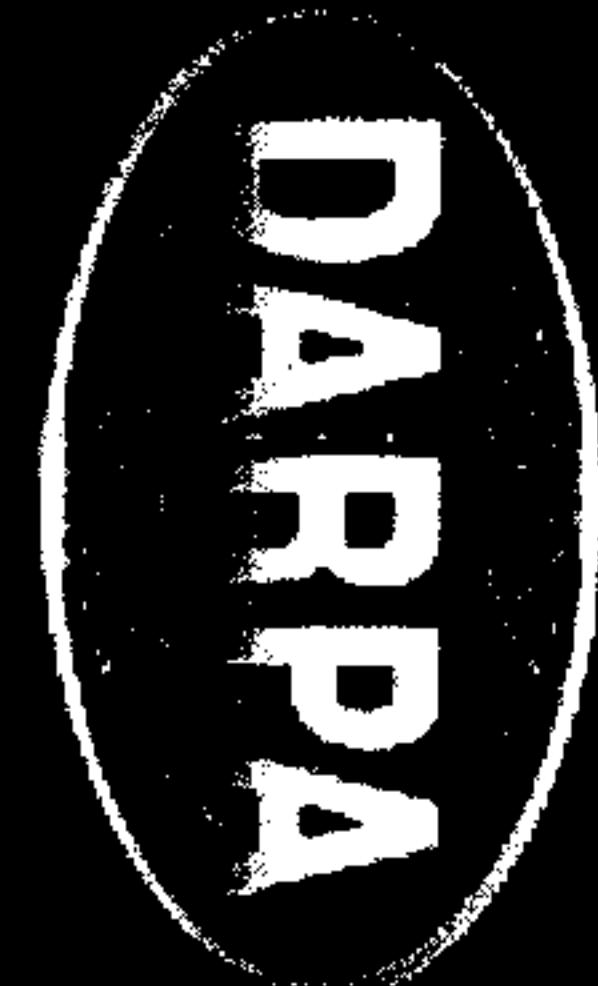


local wave
disturbance
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free wave pattern region

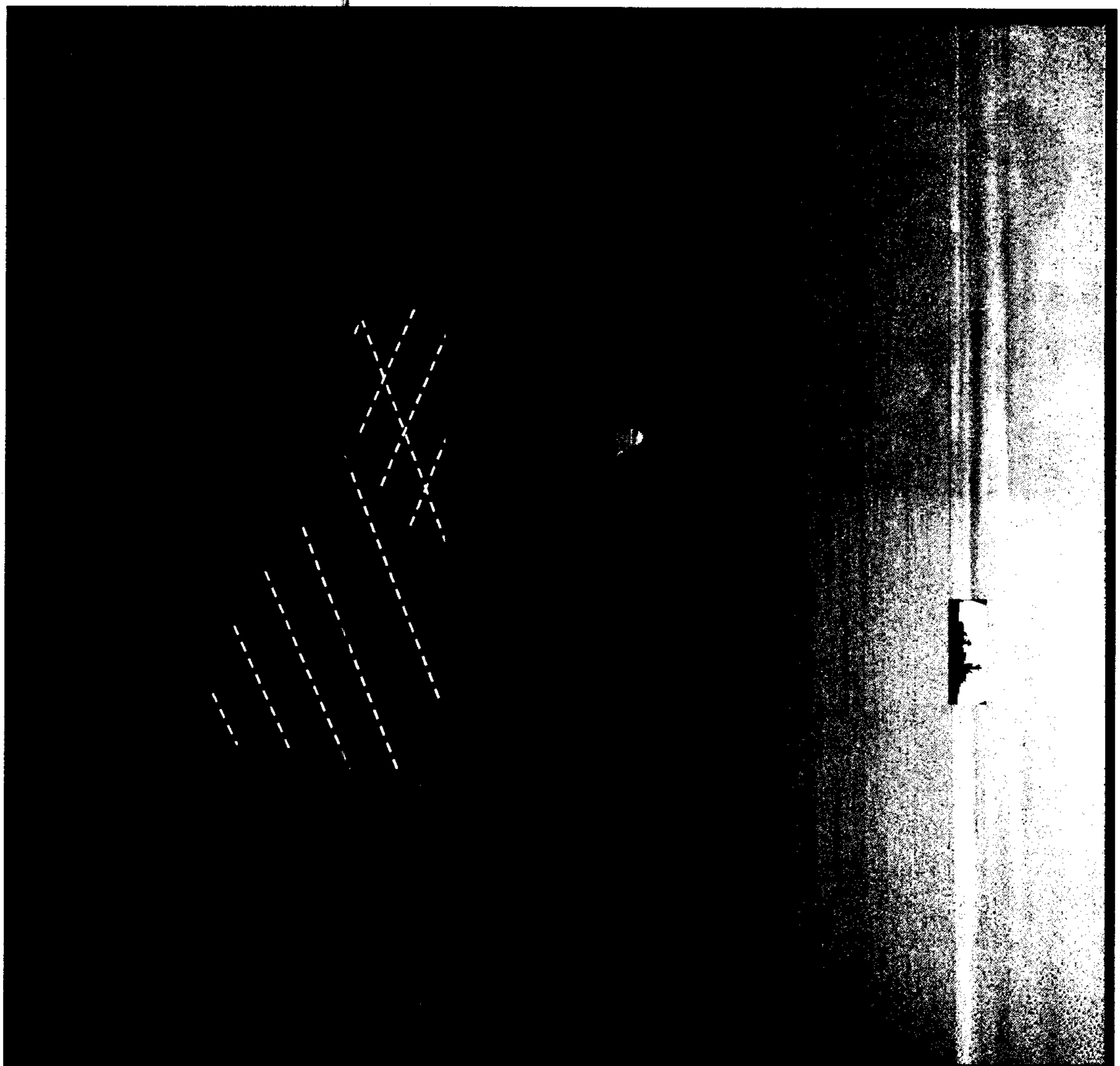
$$\beta = \beta_c = 19.5^\circ$$





Sharks provide: TOA_A, TOA_B, Temp, Depth, & Light.





High Data Rate Acoustic Communications Download

Micropower acoustic transmitter may allow 1 Mbit data transfer @ 1 Joule IFF a fish can be coaxed to within 10 m of deployed reader.



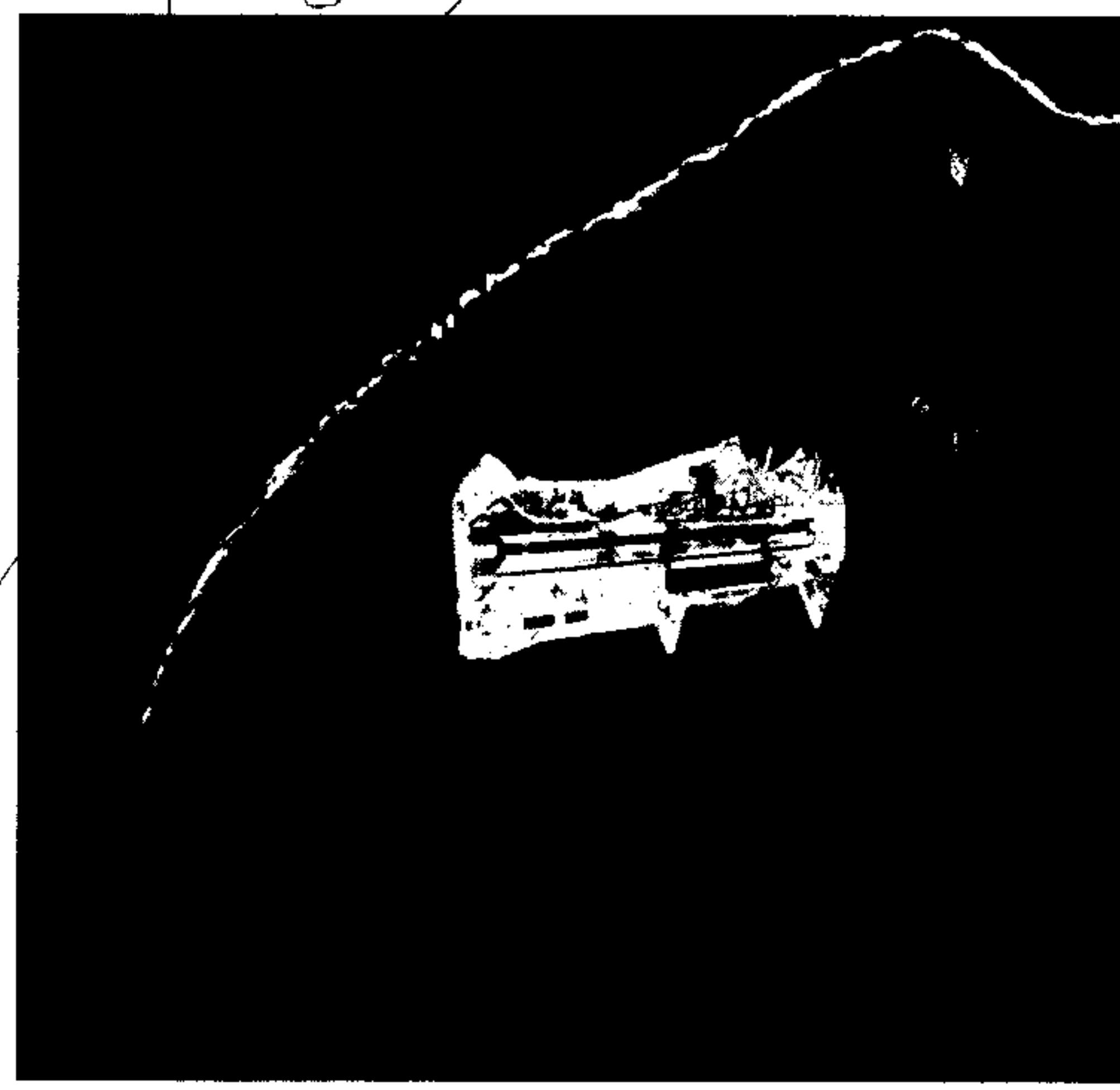
Littoral/small scale example: Johnston Atoll lagoon



PLAN B 903
34° 11' N 171° 22' E
NARROW REEF: EXISTING OR HAZARDOUS REEF
MUD: DEPENDED WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE COAST
DREDGE: 25' CB
WAVE: 1.8 METERS, DRAUGHT: 6 FEET, PERIOD: 10 SECONDS
TIDE: HIGH, REPORTS: 100% GOOD, TIME: 0800-1800 HRS
REFUGES: 1000 FEET, ANCHOR: 40' CB
MOORINGS: 500 FEET, ANCHOR: 20' CB
ROCKS: 50' CB, ANCHOR: 10' CB
WIND: 10 KNOTS, ANCHOR: 20' CB

34° 11' N
22° 22' E
1000 0 2000 4000 Miles
0 1000 2000 4000 Meters
PLAN B 903
21' 22'
20' 21'

Near
Shallow area
Soundings
Soundings



RAFOS tracking mooring

- 8 moorings arranged as above provide:
- ~50 m tracking error inside the atoll and ~3 miles past the perimeter
- ~100m tracking error 3-10 miles past the perimeter
- Unlimited number of tracked tags
- Simultaneous comms/control with 4 tags (COTS) - 100+ tags (possible)

Waveform:
2080 Hz center, 100 Hz BW
SL = 185 dB , 10⁻⁸ clock

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